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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT TO
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

REF: A. CENTO DOC. C/22/D5; B. STATE 95516

1. CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL'S 46 PAGE ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1974 THROUGH
APRIL 1975 (REF A) IS BEING POUCHED MAY 5. FOLLOWING IS A
SUMMARY OF ITS PRINCIPAL POINTS:

A. THE REPORT SUMMARIZES POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST
YEAR AND REVIEWS THE THREAT TO THE REGIONAL MEMBERS.
CONCERNING THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER, THE REPORT POINTS
OUT THAT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO UNANIMOUS DECISION WITHIN
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REGARDING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
PAPER THAT FURTHER DELIBERATIONS OF THE AD HOC POLITICAL
WORKING GROUP ARE HELD UP PENDING AN APPROACH TO THE
PROBLEM AT A HIGHER LEVE. (SECRETARY GENERAL BAYULKEN
HAS APPROACHED THE TURKISH MILITARY LEADERS TO ACHIEVE A
COMPROMISE OF THE TURKISH POSITION WITH THE OTHER CENTO
MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, BUT TO DATE NO
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.)

B. ON MILITARY, ECONOMIC, SECURITY AND COUNTER SUBERSION
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ACTIVITIES, THE REPORT ESSENTIALLY REPEATS THE INFORMATION

CONTAINED IN THESE COMMITTEES' REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS.

C. UNDER ADMINISTRATION, THE SECRETARY GENERAL NOTES THAT
THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS AND PAY OF THE CENTO AUXILIARY
STAFF IS UNDER STUDY. (THIS WILL BE A PART OF A BROADER
STUDY OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ENTIRE SECRETARIAT STAFF,
WHICH IS ONLY NOW REALLY GETTING UNDER WAY.)

D. SUGGESTED NEW INITIATIVES FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES
IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT INCLUDE INCREASED VISITS
WITHIN REGIONAL COUNTRIES BY POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE MEMBER
COUNTRIES, A SEMINAR OF THE EDITORS-IN-CHIEF OF THE
REGIONAL COUNTRIES' MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, EXCHANGE VISITS OF
FILM TEAMS, SIX-MONTH VISITS BY REGIONAL JOURNALISTS TO THE
U.K. AND THE U.S. FOR ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE AND VISITS BY
JOURNALISM EXPERTS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES TO THE REGIONAL
COUNTRIES. THE REPORT ALSO SUGGESTS FULLER EXPLOITATION
OF THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES' COMMON CULTURAL HERITAGE BY
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF REGIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE VISITS,
VISITS OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH EXPERTS TO ASSIST
IN ARCHEOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECTS, ORGANIZING AN EXHIBIT
OF ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS AND COORDINATING CLOSER
COOPERATION BETWEEN REGIONAL POETS, PAINTERS AND WRITERS.
A BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED BY CENTO CONTAINING WORKS OF
CONTEMPORARY REGIONAL POETS AND WRITERS. THE
SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT STATES THAT FUNDS APPARENTLY
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT THE
ABOVE PROGRAMS ON A SHARED COST BASIS WITH EACH COUNTRY
PROCEEDING AT ITS OWN PACE IN SPONSORING ACTIVITIES.
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